

---

## 5.10 - Public Services

---

### 5.10.1 - Introduction

This section describes the existing public services setting and potential effects from project implementation on the site and its surrounding area. Descriptions and analysis in this section are based on information contained in the Public Services Correspondence gathered on August 25, 2008 by Jedidiah Brandman, included in this EIR as Appendix I, Public Services Correspondence.

### 5.10.2 - Existing Conditions

#### Fire Services

The City of Newport Beach Fire Department currently provides fire protection and emergency medical response services to the project site. In addition, the Newport Beach Fire Department provides fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, disaster preparedness, fire safety education services, water rescue, and terrorism response. The Newport Beach Fire Department, responds to incidents based on the type of incident, whether it is related to fire, rescue, hazardous materials, or medical emergency. The standard alarm response for a reported, but unconfirmed structure fire includes three fire engines, one fire truck, one medical unit, and one battalion chief. When a structural fire is confirmed, an additional fire truck is deployed to the scene.

Within the City, there are eight fire stations. The City of Newport Beach Fire Department maintains an automatic mutual aid program with Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). Pursuant to the automatic mutual aid, the closest engine responds automatically, regardless of whether it is a City or County engine unit. The two agencies have adopted non-overlapping and contiguous station response boundaries within the City of Newport Beach; each station is responsible for its individual service area and provides service without regard to City or County limits.

The nearest City of Newport Beach fire station to the project site is Station No. 2 located at 475 32nd Street, off Newport Boulevard, south of Pacific Coast Highway, which is approximately .60 miles from the site. The second nearest fire station is Station No. 1 located at 110 East Balboa Boulevard, at the corner of East Balboa Boulevard and Island Avenue. This station is approximately .85 miles from the project site. Due to the proximity of both fire stations, if there were a situation in need of emergency response from the Newport Beach Fire Department, either station would respond depending on availability and locale.

According to the Newport Beach Fire Department, fire stations have been situated within the Newport Beach area to meet a response time goal for the first engine company, within three minutes or less (90 percent of the time) (pers. comm. R. Larson, August 11, 2008). A response time of five minutes or less (90 percent of the time) is the response time goal for a medical unit.

The City of Newport Beach Fire Department is comprised of 123 sworn personnel and 18 non-sworn personnel. This includes 1 Fire Chief, 1 Deputy Fire Chief, 2 Division Chiefs, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 31 Captains, 30 engineers, 21 paramedics, 1 Deputy Fire Marshal, 3 inspectors, and 33 firefighters. Minimum staffing is 33 personnel per shift.

Apparatus' for the entire department includes 8 Engine Companies, 2 Truck Companies, and 3 Medical Units. Of the 8 fire stations in Newport Beach, there are three main shifts to a day in which at least 33 personal shall be on duty. On any given day, there will be 3 available engine companies, 4 available truck companies, and 2 available medical units.

### **Police Services**

The Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) currently provides police protection services to the project area. The City of Newport Beach maintains its own police department from its Santa Barbara Drive headquarters. The Orange County Sheriffs Department shares in an automatic mutual aid program with the City of Newport Beach Police Department. The mutual aid program makes it possible for either Newport Beach Police or Orange County Sheriff's to respond to emergency calls. If a county sheriff were to respond to an emergency call, they notify Newport Beach Police of the situation.

The services provided by NBPD to the community include emergency police response, non-emergency police response, routine police patrol, traffic violation enforcement, traffic accident investigation, animal control, and parking code enforcement. The established staffing ratio for the City of Newport Beach Police Department is set at one officer for every 566 residents in the city. According to the NBPD, this ratio is considered to be adequate. The Newport Beach Police Department is comprised of 149 sworn positions that include 1 Chief of Police, 3 Captains, 8 Lieutenants, 21 Sergeants, 116 Police Officers. The Newport Beach Police Department also employs 92 non-sworn personnel assigned to various duties including administration, maintenance of records, crime prevention, and enforcement assistance.

### **Schools**

The public school district serving the project site is the Newport-Mesa Unified School District, which operates four elementary schools, one intermediate school, and one high school.

### **Parks**

Currently, the City of Newport Beach owns and maintains 309 acres of parkland. The project site currently has 1.97 acres of parkland.

### **5.10.3 - Thresholds of Significance**

According to the CEQA Guidelines' Appendix G Environmental Checklist, to determine whether environmental effects to public services are significant, the following questions are analyzed and evaluated.

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- a.) Fire protection?
- b.) Police protection?
- c.) Schools?
- d.) Parks?

#### 5.10.4 - Project Impact Analysis and Mitigation Measures

This section discusses potential impacts associated with the proposed project and provides mitigation measures where necessary.

##### Fire Protection

---

**Impact 5.10-A:**      **The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for fire protection.**

---

##### *Project-Specific Analysis*

The proposed project will be removing an existing mobile home park to replace it with a new waterfront park facility. The project will be reducing building density and the amount of people on the site at any given time. According to the Fire Department, the current amount of facilities, equipment, and personnel are adequate to serve the project site.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, a representative day of high volume traffic that has the potential to impede the Fire Departments response time, the City of Newport Beach prepares for many tourists and vacationing residents to occupy the peninsula at large numbers. The City of Newport Beach Police Department installs road closures and detours that are made public to the community. Due to the impacted nature of the holiday, it is necessary to understand whether fire services will be significantly disrupted so that it would cause delay or difficulty in servicing the site. The Newport Beach Fire Department maintains a regular shift on the Fourth of July, with the addition of an extra engine, ambulance, and medic unit stationed on the peninsula (per. comm. R. Larson, August 25, 2008). Although response times may be slightly longer, the Fire Department has enough facilities, equipment, and personnel to adequately serve the project site on the Fourth of July.

As required by the Uniform Fire Code and the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code Sections 9.04.010 to 9.04.130, the proposed project will be required to include specific design features such as ensuring appropriate emergency access, and requiring structures to be built with approved building materials, etc. Conformance with these codes reduces the risks associated with fire hazards.

Implementation of the proposed project should not have a significant impact on fire services provided for the area. As mentioned above, Fire Station #1 and #2 are located within less than one mile of the proposed project site and could provide necessary fire services. Therefore, the impact on fire services due to the function of the proposed project site is considered less than significant.

### **Cumulative**

Implementation of the proposed project in addition to all other related projects in the vicinity of the project site could add to the cumulative impact on fire services. The Nbfd regularly evaluates fire protection services throughout the City. The impacts associated with surrounding projects are not considered cumulatively significant and would not require additional fire personnel staffing, equipment or facilities to maintain adequate levels of fire protection throughout the City of Newport Beach and, in particular, in the immediate vicinity of the project site. The project's contribution to the cumulative impact is considered less than significant because the fire services currently provided to the project area would not be substantially affected.

### **Mitigation Measures**

#### *Project Specific*

No mitigation measures are required.

#### *Cumulative*

No mitigation measures are required.

### **Level of Significance After Mitigation**

#### *Project Specific*

Less than significant.

#### *Cumulative*

Less than significant.

### **Police Protection**

---

**Impact 5.10-B: The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for police protection.**

---

### **Project-Specific Analysis**

Development of the proposed project will allow for more public access to the site than the previous use of mobile homes. According to the Newport Beach Police Department, the current amount of personnel and facilities are sufficient in providing service to the project site.

On the Fourth of July, the Newport Beach Police Department closes roads on and at the entrance of Balboa Peninsula. The entire Newport Beach Police Department, including sworn and non-sworn

personnel, are required to work on this day. The proposed project would not cause an impact on police service to the site during the Fourth of July (per. comm. E. Sailor, August 25, 2008). Consequently, the proposed project would actually provide faster response times to the site due to the type of development. Therefore, the proposed project would have a less than significant impact on police services.

**Cumulative**

Implementation of the proposed project in addition to all other projects in the vicinity of the project site could add to the cumulative impact on police services. The NBPD regularly evaluates police protection services throughout the City. The cumulative impacts of project development, along with the development of the related projects could require additional police staffing, equipment or facilities to maintain adequate levels of police protection through out the City of Newport Beach. However, the project's contribution to the city-wide impact on police protection is considered less than significant because the existing police services provided to the project area would not be substantially affected with project implementation.

**Mitigation Measures**

*Project Specific*

No mitigation is required.

*Cumulative*

No mitigation is required.

**Level of Significance After Mitigation**

*Project Specific*

Less than significant.

*Cumulative*

Less than significant.

**Schools**

---

<b>Impact 5.10-C:</b>	<b>The project would not in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for schools.</b>
-----------------------	--

---

**Project-Specific Analysis**

The proposed project will not result in additional residences to the city and therefore will not create the need for new school facilities. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on school objectives.

**Cumulative**

Implementation of the proposed project in addition to all other projects in the vicinity of the project site could add to the cumulative impact on school personnel and facilities throughout the City of Newport Beach. However, the project's contribution to the city-wide impact on schools is considered less than significant because the project site will not be adding additional students to the district.

**Mitigation Measures***Project Specific*

No mitigation measures are required.

*Cumulative*

No mitigation measures are required.

**Level of Significance After Mitigation***Project Specific*

No impact.

*Cumulative*

Less than significant.

**Parks**

---

<b>Impact 5.10-D:</b>	<b>The project would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for parks.</b>
-----------------------	---

---

**Project-Specific Analysis**

Implementation of the proposed project will include 9.83 acres of parkland (area west of 18<sup>th</sup> Street would not be considered part of the park). The project will increase the amount of parkland on the project site by 7.86 acres. Therefore, the proposed project would result in a beneficial impact on parkland within the City as well as on Balboa Peninsula.

**Cumulative**

Implementation of the proposed project would increase the amount of park acreage within the City. Therefore, the proposed project would not contribute cumulative adverse impacts.

**Mitigation Measures***Project Specific*

No mitigation measures are required.

*Cumulative*

No mitigation measures are required.

***Level of Significance After Mitigation***

*Project Specific*

No impact.

*Cumulative*

No impact.

